

## REMARKS

### Request for Allowance

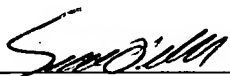
Applicant respectfully submits that the stated grounds of rejections of the Office Action of May 5, 2004 have been overcome, and that Claims 21-40 are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/15/04

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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